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Applicants hereby claim small-entity status in connection with the above-identified application. Please credit the \$515 refund (i.e., half the \$1030 filing fee) to which Applicants are entitled to Deposit Account No. 25-0120. This request is being submitted within three months of the filing date of January 20, 2006.

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